

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This application has been carefully reviewed in view of the Final Office Action dated August 5, 2005. The Office Action objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) for failing to show the "work tools" as identified in claims 17 and 18. In response, Applicant has canceled claims 17 and 18.

The Office Action rejected claims 1, 3-5, 10-12, 17 and 18 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Uhl (U.S. 5,287,832). In response, Applicant has amended claims 1 and 3. The amendment has added as a limitation to independent claim 1 a "guide groove recessed in the pulley or rope drum" that guides the limit stop through its angle of rotation. The Uhl patent does not disclose a guide groove for guiding a limit stop recessed in the pulley or rope drum. Uhl discloses a stop 27 formed on the outer flange of the pulley 6 in order to limit the relative movement of the pulley 6 with respect to the engaging element 10 by operative engagement with counter stop 28. (Uhl, Col. 5, lines 20-24). Thus, Uhl discloses the use of two protruding elements to restrict the angle of rotation.

In contrast, the present invention discloses one protruding element and one recessed element that cooperate to limit the angle of rotation. Accordingly, Applicant believes that claims 1, 3-5 and 10-12, as amended, are now in condition for allowance.

The Office Action also rejected claim 9 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Uhl. In light of the above amendments and that independent claim 1 is now allowable over the Uhl reference, Applicant believes that dependent claim 9 is allowable as being dependent upon an allowable claim.

The Office Action indicated that claims 6 through 8 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended claim 6 to include all of the limitations of independent claim 1 as previously presented. Claims 7 and 8

depend from newly amended claim 6. Accordingly, Applicant believes that claims 6-8 are now in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully re-submits claims 1 and 3-12 for reconsideration and allowance. A Notice of Allowance is believed to be in order and therefore respectfully requested.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Enclosed is Applicant's Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time (PTO/SB/22) for the amount of \$120.00.

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